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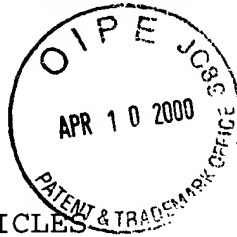
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2000,
please enter the following amendments and consider the following
remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A collection of particles in a powder comprising crystalline zinc oxide, the collection of particles having an average diameter less than about 95 nm.
 6. (Amended) The collection of particles of claim 1 wherein the collection of particles have a distribution of particle sizes such that at least [about] 95 percent of the particles have a diameter greater than about 40 percent of the average diameter and less than about 160 percent of the average diameter.

Please add the following claims.

25. The collection of particles of claim 1 wherein effectively no particles have a diameter greater than about two times the average diameter of the collection of particles.
26. The collection of particles of claim 1 wherein at least 95 percent of the particles have ratios of the dimension along the major axis to the dimension along the minor axis less than about 2.